

a<sup>1</sup> is rigidly coupled to end portion 170, e.g., by a weld, to provide a simple, reliable, and inexpensive mechanism to allow an operator to rotate locking bar 154, e.g., by applying force with a foot. --

Kindly replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, at line 21, as follows:

a<sup>2</sup> -- Figure 17 is a side view of the caster assembly of Fig. 16, showing the caster locking bar in an engaged position. Caster assembly 150 is in the locked position when caster support shaft 162 is vertical so that top flange 166 rests on a top surface of side beam 30 and locking bar 154 is rotated to be adjacent support shaft 162 as shown in Fig. 17. In this configuration, locking bar 154 engages a side surface 175 of support bar 164 to prevent caster 152 from rotating in a counter-clockwise direction, and top flange 166 engages the top surface of side beam 30 to prevent caster 152 from rotating in a clockwise direction. When intermediate frame 14 is in a lowered position, base frame legs 24 are kept above the ground 28 as shown in Fig. 17. If intermediate frame 14 is raised vertically relative to base frame 12, then base frame legs 24 can support bed frame 10 on ground 28 even when caster assembly 150 is in the locked position. --

Kindly replace the paragraph beginning on page 15, at line 3, as follows:

a<sup>3</sup> -- Figure 18 is a side view similar to Fig. 17, showing the caster locking bar moved to a disengaged position. Figure 19 is a side view similar to Fig. 18, showing the caster locking bar 154 in a disengaged position with the legs 24 of the base frame 12 supported directly on the ground 28. Caster assembly 150 is unlocked by rotating caster locking bar 154 via rotation of pedal 156 in direction 172 from the position as shown in Fig. 17 to the position as shown in Fig. 18. With caster locking bar 154 not restraining caster support shaft 162 by engaging support bar 164, caster 152 is free to rotate in a counter-clockwise direction as the intermediate frame 14 is lowered until leg 24 of base frame 12 engages ground 28 as shown in Fig. 19. This prevents the bed frame 10 from rolling. Caster assembly 150 can be reconfigured to engage ground 28 and support bed frame 10 by raising intermediate frame 14 until caster 152 can be moved to a vertical orientation, at which point pedal 156 is rotated to cause locking bar 154 to engage the support bar 164 and the support shaft 162 as shown in Fig. 17. Caster assembly 150 thus provides a mechanism whereby bed frame 10 can be selectively supported on casters 158 when intermediate frame 14 is in its lowermost position relative to base frame 12. --